

Thursday, March 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1936:** Britain's new fighter plane, the Supermarine Spitfire, designed by Reginald Mitchell, was unveiled

1696: Italian painter Giovanni Tiepolo was born in Venice

1918: Moscow replaced Petrograd as the new capital of Russia

1946: Winston Churchill coined the term "iron curtain" to describe Soviet influence in post-war Europe

1998: NASA announced the discovery of significant deposits of ice on the moon

2001: Around 70 people were killed when a bridge collapsed into the swollen River Douro in Portugal